

Anansi Mid-February Updates from the Director:

Tuesday, February 20th: The 8th grade students who signed up to visit Taos Academy for a shadow day will spend the entire day on Tuesday, February 20th. Please arrive with a lunch and water bottle at Taos Academy at 8am, and parents, plan to check in about the schedule so that you know when to pick your 8th grader up in the afternoon.

Wednesday, February 21st: Governance Council Meeting in the Anansi Charter School Library at 5:30pm, agendas available in the office upon request

Friday, February 23rd: The second grade class will go on a field trip to FITaos for an experiential day at their headquarters. Please send your child with a sack lunch. The class will return to school prior to the 1:30 dismissal time.

Friday, February 23rd: The seventh grade students will be attending the STEM Santa Fe Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival at the Santa Fe Community College. The students will share a bus with the Taos Charter School; therefore, Anansi 7th grade students must arrive at the Taos Charter Campus in time for a 7am departure. The festival will take place from 9:30-1:30. There will be up to 15 stations where students will get to grapple with real world based math problems and work together with students from other schools to solve them. In addition, students will get an interactive tour of the SFCCs sustainable technologies and science departments, they will be provided a free pizza lunch, and they will conclude their day with a lecture on Music and Math. The students will arrive back at Taos Charter School for pick up at 3:30pm. Ms. Bayles and Ms Dickey will chaperone the trip.

Tuesday, February 27th: The 8th grade students who signed up to visit Moreno Valley will attend a luncheon and presentation about the school. They will then have the opportunity to visit classes for the remainder of the day. Parents driving the children to visit the school are invited to stay and learn about the school as well.

Friday, March 2nd: Anansi will host its annual Dr. Seuss Day and Pajama Party on Friday, March 2nd. This year the read-a-thon is school-wide for grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. Each class sets a goal of the number of books they will read or the number of pages they will read in a two-hour period to raise money for their end of the year field trips. Each student collects pledges from friends and extended family members to generate money to fund their end of year field trips. We ask each K-2nd grade student to have a family reading buddy that morning, while the older students are able to read on their own. Please support your young student as a reader by attending, and encourage your child to collect pledges for their reading commitment. In addition, each classroom will have a surprise guest in honor of Dr. Seuss. Remember to bring a bag of favorite stories, a cozy pillow, and wear your favorite pj's!

State Testing for Grades 3-8: The state standards based assessments known as the PARCC and SBA Assessments are required to be administered within the state designated time-period to all students in grades three through eight. Here is the Anansi assessment schedule:

SBA Science Assessment Grades 4th & 7th:

- Test Dates: March 6, 7, & 8, 2018
- Make-up Dates: 19, 20, 21, & 22, 2018

PARCC Math & English Arts Assessment, Grades 3rd through 8th:

- Test Dates & Make-Up Dates: April 17-30, 2018

The science assessment consists of 3 separate tests administered on separate days. The PARCC assessment consists of four separate tests for each subject for a total of eight tests. These tests are administered on separate days, requiring eight days of testing. The students will test at the same time each day and the test length is 75-90 minutes.

Thursday, March 8th: Spanish Language Celebration of Learning in the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms from 2:45-3:30pm. The students have been researching Spanish-speaking countries around the world and they have created storyboards about these different countries. Parents are invited to come and view their presentations.

March 9th-16th: Spring Break, no school for students